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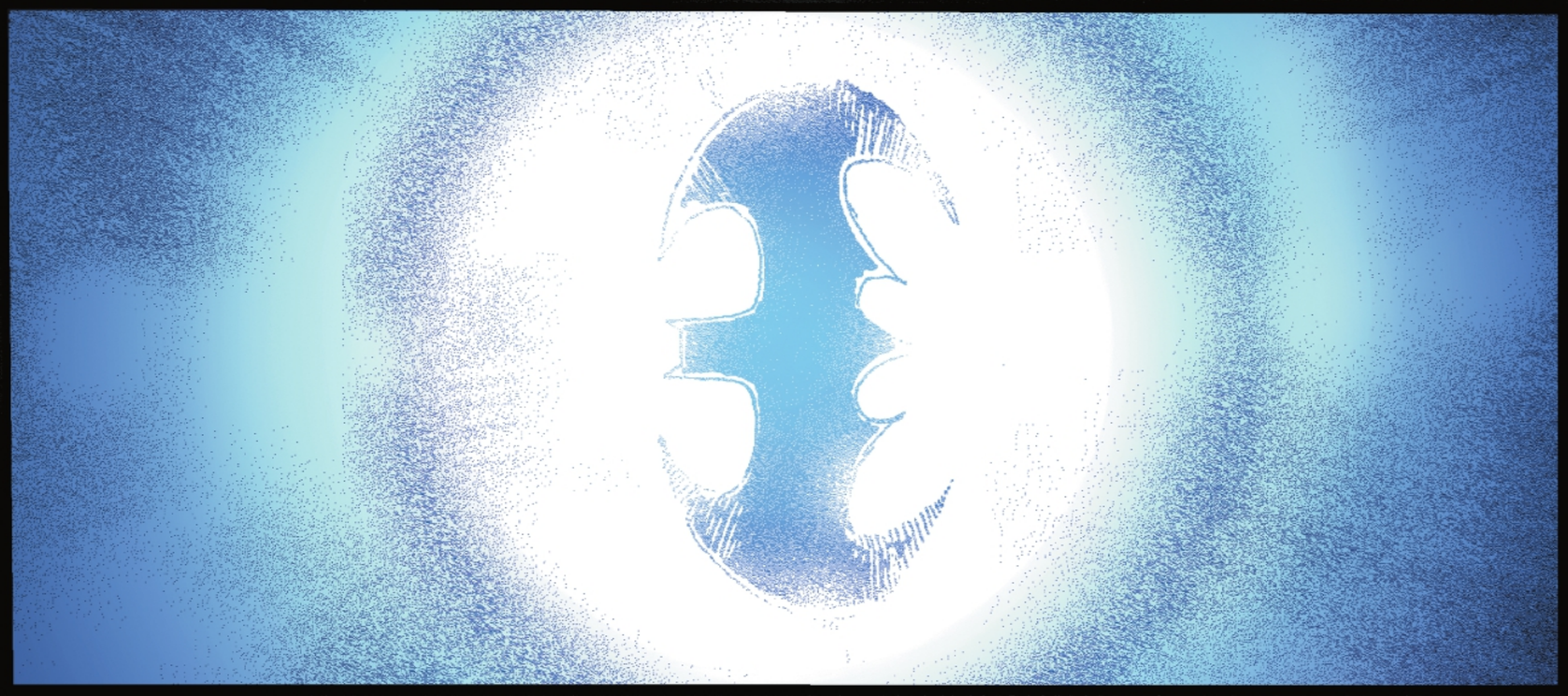
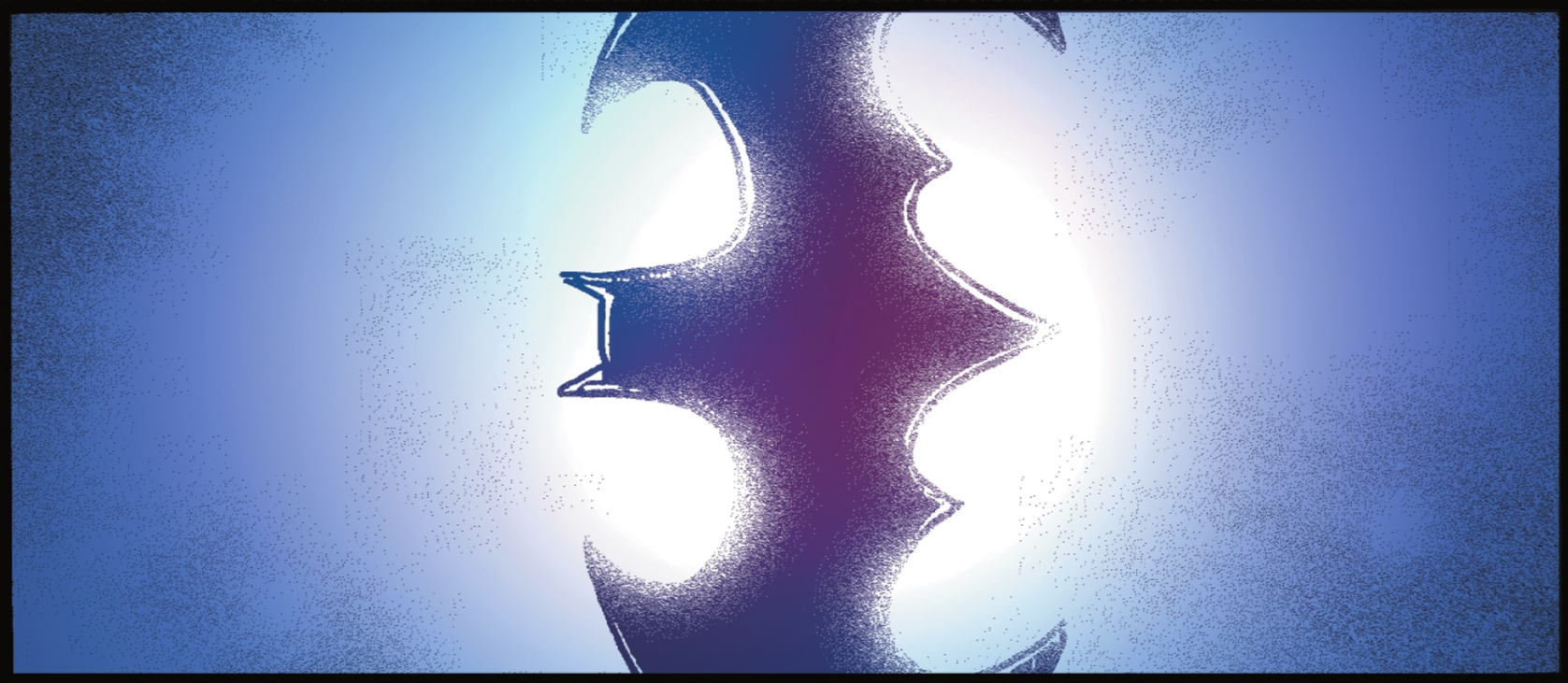




I DON'T THINK HE'S COMING TONIGHT, BOSS.

SERGEANT LOGAN...THANKS FOR BRINGING THE COFFEE.
NO PROBLEM. I ALREADY HAVE HEARTBURN, MAY AS WELL FEED MY ULCER ANOTHER CUP.

THREE DAYS WE'VE BEEN AFTER THIS GAS MASK KILLER.
NO SIGN OF THE BATMAN.
TELL ME WHAT YOU KNOW, SERGEANT.

LAST TIME WE SAW BATMAN, WE WERE ANSWERING A CALL FROM DOCK SECURITY OUT AT THE SHIPPING DOCKS.
SHOTS WERE HEARD.
THE BAT WAS ALREADY THERE WHEN WE ARRIVED...
SOME OF THESE MEN ARE GOTHAM GOONS.
OTHERS I DON'T RECOGNIZE... WEARING SIBERIAN LEATHER. SPETSNAZ LEATHER OMON BOOTS. RUSSIAN MILITARY.
GAS TANK WAS DELIBERATELY SHOT INTO.
TELL YOUR MEN TO STAY BACK--THERE'S POISON GAS IN HERE.
WHILE SOME WERE GUNNED DOWN...

...THE OTHERS DIED FROM EXPOSURE TO THIS DEADLY VAPOR.

INSTINCT TELLS ME THIS WAS A *DOUBLE CROSS* AND SOMEONE HAS THAT SUBSTANCE TO SELL.
WHOEVER DID THE KILLING IS LIKELY TO SELL THAT LETHAL GAS ON THE BLACK MARKET...

JOKER.
SCARECROW.
MR. FREEZE.
PENGUIN...
RIDDLER.
...ALL OF THEM THEIR OWN BRAND OF DANGEROUS, BUT ALL USE GAS IN THEIR ARSENALS, IN SOME FORM OR ANOTHER.
I'VE GONE 38 HOURS ALREADY WITHOUT SLEEP.

BUT I CAN'T REST KNOWING THAT THIS POISON COULD END UP IN THE HANDS OF ONE OF THOSE LUNATICS.
GOTHAM'S CRIMINALS ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A FAST, DIRTY BUCK.
IF THIS GAS IS OUT ON THE STREET...
...THE STREET IS WHERE I'LL FIND SOME...
ANSWERS. NOW.

THE FIRST ARRESTS WE MADE WERE AT GOTHAM'S ABANDONED ZOO...

"...BATMAN WAS THERE..."
WELL, WHERE THE HELL *IS* THIS GUY?
I DUNNO, MR. COBBLEPOT. WHEN WE TALKED TO HIM AT THE DOCKS, HE SAID HE'D BE HERE BY NOW.

WAUGH! THIS IS NONSENSE! NO WAY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS.
I'M STARTING TO FEEL LIKE AN OPEN TARGET HERE, BOYS.
FIVE MORE MINUTES AND NOT A SECOND MORE...
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.
LET US GET DOWN TO BUSINESS?

YES, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING YOU HAVE SOMETHING I MIGHT WANT TO PURCHASE?
YOUR REPUTATION PRECEDES YOU, PENGUIN...

I UNDERSTAND YOU USE YOUR UMBRELLA AS CLEVER WEAPON.
PLEASE TO LEAVE IT ON GROUND.

EH? FINE, FINE...HAVE YOUR GOONS LOWER THEIR WEAPONS TOO, AND WE'LL TALK.
NOW...

...HERE IN CASE I BRING A SPECIAL WEAPONS-GRADE FORM OF SARIN GAS. STORED UNDER THE BEST OF CONDITIONS. NO DEGRADATIONS. HIGHLY ADAPTABLE.
QUITE DEADLY.
VERY INTERESTING...VERY INTERESTING.
CHEMICAL WARFARE? I'M SUPPOSED TO TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT? HOW DO I KNOW IF WHAT'S IN YOUR CAN IS ANY GOOD?
ALLOW ME TO DEMONSTRATE...
ACK!
SPRSHH

AS YOU CAN SEE...GAS IS EXTREMELY TOXIC.
ANY INHALATION OR ABSORPTION DISRUPTS NERVOUS SYSTEM. FIVE HUNDRED TIMES MORE TOXIC THAN CYANIDE. EVEN VAPOR CONCENTRATION CAN PENETRATE SKIN.
GAS HAS HIGH VOLATILITY. IT SUFFOCATES VICTIMS BY PARALYZING MUSCLES AROUND LUNGS.
PLEASE TO STAND BACK NOW...
GNNNHH
NOW VICTIM LOSE CONTROL OF ALL BODY FUNCTIONS.
BLEEAUGH!
WITHOUT ANTIDOTE, ONE DROP CAN KILL AVERAGE MAN IN FEW MOMENTS.
HERE, VICTIM WILL BECOME COMATOSE AND SUFFOCATE.

CHARMING.
HOW MUCH YOU GOT?
PLENTY FOR RIGHT BUYER, WITH RIGHT PRICE.
I HAVE ALREADY DISTRIBUTED SAMPLES TO SOME OF YOUR... COLLEAGUES...
...CLOWN MAN MADE VERY GENEROUS OFFER.

WUH-OH.
SHZANG
MR. COBBLEPOT, YOU DISAPPOINT ME, YET AGAIN.
MR. FREEZE... THIS COMPLICATES THINGS.
OUR AGREEMENT WAS THAT I WOULD BRING YOU IN ON THIS DEAL AND THAT WE WOULD NEGOTIATE TOGETHER...
YET HERE YOU ARE...
...EARLY.

NOTHING PERSONAL, ICE CUBE. JUST LOOKING TO GET A JUMP ON THE COMPETITION, WAH WAH!
YOU LACK ETIQUETTE, MR. COBBLEPOT.
SHZZANG
MAKING IT DIFFICULT NOT TO TAKE YOUR BETRAYAL PERSONALLY.
CAN'T BLAME A BIRD FOR TRYING!
SHZZANG

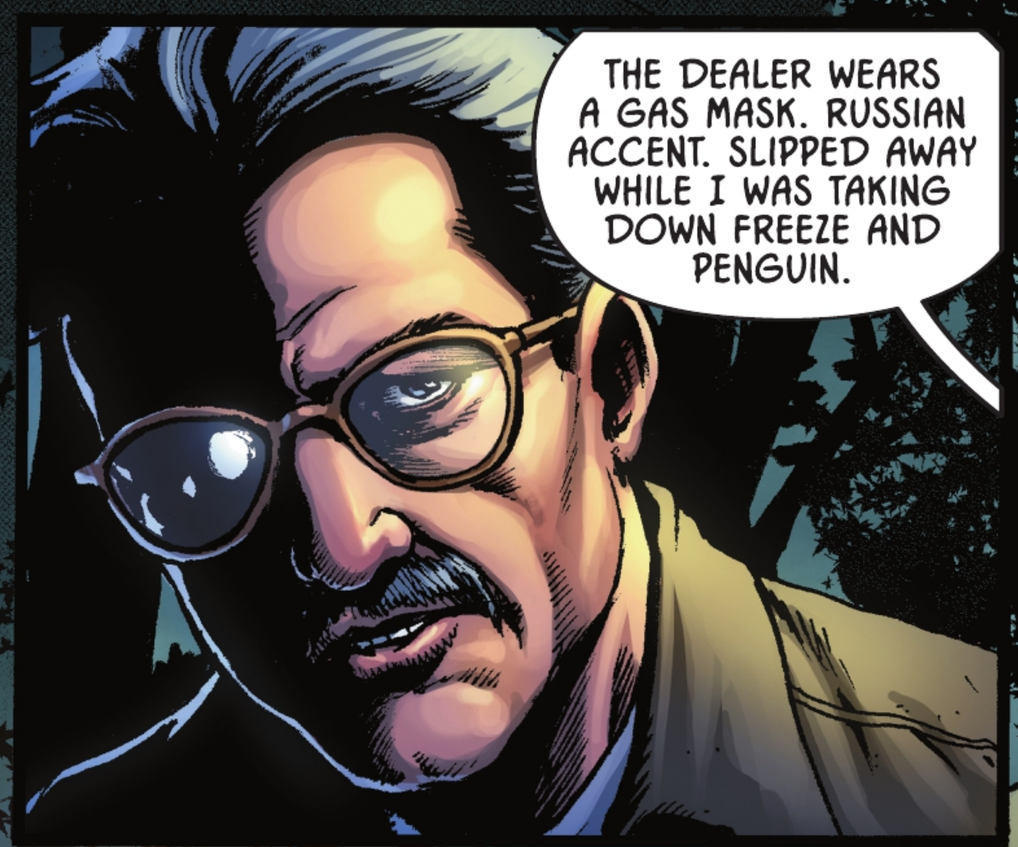
PERHAPS IT'S TIME YOU HAD A LESSON IN MANNERS?
EASY NOW, FREEZE!

KACHNK
HSSSSSS
WHA--?

PLAYTIME'S OVER.

BATMAN!
BLAM BLAM
THIS NIGHT JUST KEEPS GETTING WORSE!
THE NIGHT IS STILL YOUNG.
THWOK
UNGH!

APPARENTLY IT'S A BIG SUPPLY, JIM. SARIN GAS, VERY DEADLY.
MAKE SURE THERE'S A GOOD SUPPLY OF ANTIDOTE AT THE READY IN CASE ANY OF THOSE LUNATICS GETS THEIR HANDS ON THE CARGO.


THE DEALER WEARS A GAS MASK. RUSSIAN ACCENT. SLIPPED AWAY WHILE I WAS TAKING DOWN FREEZE AND PENGUIN.

FROM WHAT I OVERHEARD, HIS NEXT CLIENT IS *THE JOKER.*
HAVE YOUR MEN START SCOURING THE DOCKS DOWN IN AMUSEMENT MILE.

I'LL DO WHAT I CAN.
THANK YOU.

THIS IS GORDON...
GET ME GOTHAM CDC.
WE'VE GOT AN EMERGENCY ON OUR HANDS...

IT WAS LATER THAT NIGHT THAT WE GOT THE CALL FROM THE S.W.A.T. TEAM OUT AT AMUSEMENT MILE.
YEAH, THAT DAMNED CREEPY WAREHOUSE...

THIS IS SPECIAL UNIT FOUR RESPONDING TO AN ALARM AT PIER 32, WAREHOUSE DISTRICT...
WE HAVE ENTERED THE BUILDING, ALARM HAS BEEN SILENCED...WE ARE INVESTIGATING...
...DO YOU HEAR LAUGHTER?
HA HA HA HA HA

GCPD
OH GOODY! VISITORS!
HERE I WAS WITH ALL THESE TOYS AND NO ONE TO PLAY WITH!

BUT NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE...
...LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!
HAHAHAHAHAHA!
NEXT: CLOWNS TO THE LEFT OF ME, JOKERS TO THE RIGHT!

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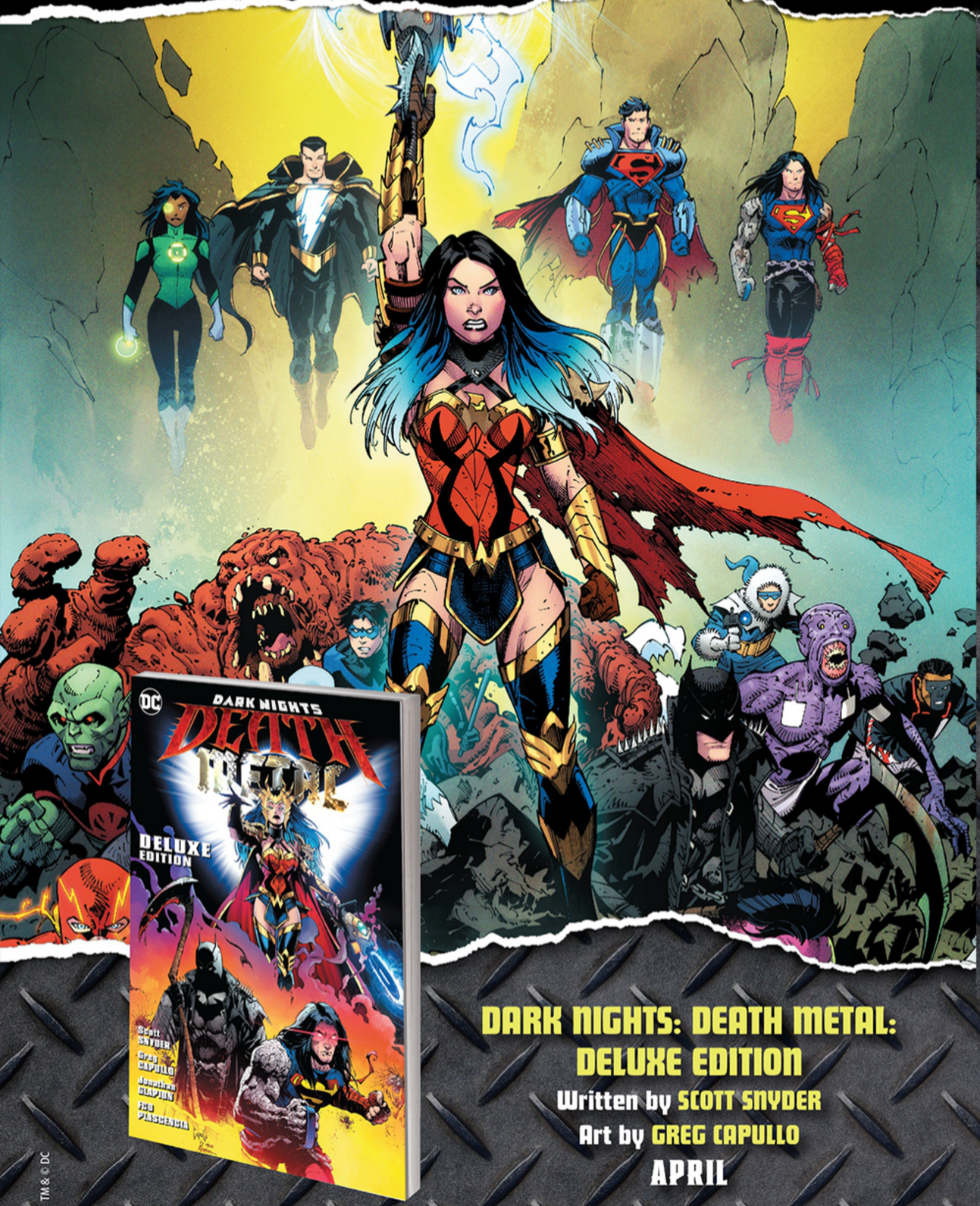
DARK NIGHTS DEATH METAL

ARE YOU READY TO ROCK?

"STUNNING, MIND-MELTING...A HELL OF A GOOD SUPERHERO STORY." —SYFY WIRE



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